

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group A (embodiment #1 as depicted in Figures 1 and 2) which is directed to a decoder method and a video decoder. Claims 1-17 and 21 are directed to the decoder method and a video decoder and read on the elected group A.

Applicant also traverses the restriction requirement because the examination of claims 1-21 would not in fact impose an examination and search burden on the examiner. Claims 1-17 and 21 recite a decoder method and video decoder. The claims directed to the non-elected embodiments (Claims 18-20) all recite "the video decoder of claim 14 so that, the video decoder feature is common to all of the claims. Therefore, the search of all of the claims would not impose an examination and search burden on the examiner since all of the claims are directed to, in part, a video decoder or a decoder method.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, early allowance of these claims and the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number below in order to speed the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,

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